

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an automatic performance system, song and style data DA_i and DC_j ($i:1$ through n , $j:1$ through m) contains tempo and meter data TP_a , TM_a ; TP_c , TM_c , respectively, so that the style data DC_j whose tempo and meter data matches with those of the song data DA_i is reproduced concurrently with the song data DA_i . On the basis of user's settings, furthermore, style setting data SS (DB_i) indicating style data DC_k ($k:1$ through m) to be concurrently reproduced and tone color setting data VS (DB_i) for setting a manual tone color are stored in association with the song data DA_i . Based on the style setting data SS , the style data DC_k associated with the song data DA_i is reproduced concurrently with the song data DA_i , or a manual performance is conducted, during the reproduction of the song data DA_i , on the basis of tone color data derived from the tone color setting data VS . As described above, settings of a style and tone color for manual performance suitable for a song is achieved.